

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and prior versions, of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A refrigeration installation having at least one refrigeration consumer, which includes at least one evaporator, having at least one feed line and at least one discharge line, via which a refrigerant or a refrigerant mixture is fed to the at least one refrigeration consumer and discharged from the at least one refrigeration consumer, the at least one refrigeration consumer having expansion members,

wherein the expansion members being designed as switchable expansion valves and/or as switchable linear expansion machines which are switchable between a first working position for normal refrigerating operation and a second working position for defrosting operation, wherein, ~~in which~~ the refrigerant flowing through the expansion member is expanded when the expansion member is in the first working position and a second working position in which the pressure drop of the refrigerant flow passing through the expansion member is less than in the first working position when the expansion member is in the second working position, and

each said refrigeration consumer being assigned a linear compressor.

15. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein

the at least one refrigeration consumer has a dedicated closed refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle,

the refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle being operatively connected via at least one liquefier to the at least one feed line and the at least one discharge line, and

the refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle in each case having expansion valves and/or linear expansion machines and modified linear compressors,

the evaporator of said at least one refrigeration consumer in each case being arranged higher than the liquefier of the said at least one refrigeration consumer.

16. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein a plurality of refrigeration consumers are connected to one another and/or to the at least one feed line and the at least one discharge line by means of couplings.

17. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 16, wherein said couplings are quick-fit couplings.

18. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein said at least one of the refrigeration consumers is assigned supercoolers as internal heat exchangers.

19. (currently amended) A method for operating the refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, comprising providing a plurality of refrigeration consumers, assigning at least one of the refrigeration consumer expansion members ~~valves and linear compressors,~~ and during the defrosting phase of at least one of the refrigeration consumers moving at least one of the expansion members ~~valves and at least one of the linear compressors~~ of the refrigeration consumers which are to be defrosted from the first working position into the second working position in which through-flow with ~~a lower~~ less pressure drop than in the first working position is possible.